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The Termit 300 can be ordered with built-in paper tape punch and paper tape reader.

GE's New Teletypewriter Transmits at Up to 30cps

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Termit 300, a teletypewriter for remote terminal and communications use, has been announced by General Electric. It requires a data set (GE's Dugnet 110, 111, 114, or 115, or Bell 103) for telephone hook-up. All transmission is asynchronous. The unit features speeds of up to 30 characters per second, GE said, which is double the speed of the IBM 2740.

Termit 300 is typewriter-sized (7 in. by 19 3/4 in. by 21 1/2

in.), weighs about 65 pounds, and is said by GE to be conveniently portable. The unit can be enhanced by addition of optional paper tape devices. The tape reader drives the typewriter at rated speeds, and transmits over a communications line at speeds of up to 120 cps, GE said, and the punch operates at up to 30 cps. GE claims that reliability and quietness are increased through use of solid-state electronics. (Continued on Page 2)

Problee-Afflicted User Blames Manufacturer Misrepresentation

By Peter L. Briggs
CW Staff Writer

BOSTON, Mass. A horror story of unsupported manufacturer's claims, poor support, unexpected downtime, and a resulting chaos at the user's offices was unfolded here last week.

Computerworld was invited, by the user, to sit in on a meeting between the user and the manufacturer on the basis that CW would not disclose the names of the companies involved.

The session revealed, among other things, that the manufacturer's representatives were not informed of the realistic capabilities of the equipment, a small billing computer, not of the actual degree of support available. As a result, the user's two units were completely overloaded and his overhead costs have exceeded the price of the machines.

Hardware Support Vital

The first area of contention involved the user who was of proper hardware support. The user pointed out that there was only one service man, albeit competent, in the New England area.

The manufacturer's Northeastern area manager for maintenance services said that he could fly on backup people within 24 hours. He was then asked why certain service calls over the previous several months had brought no response for more than two days. On one occasion it was three days before the serviceman arrived. The service manager said he was not sure that such a situation had even existed. He felt that there was

no excuse for such a delay, under any circumstances.

Downtime Important

When asked about the amount of downtime which could be expected for this type of device (a Teletype-oriented unit with a core memory for program storage and total accumulation), he felt that 10% was normal. He further explained that the equipment was designed for "light

duty" (about four to five hours per day) and that the units, as used in the user's shop, would probably suffer even more downtime than the 10% figure.

Claims Unjustified

Many of the problems reverted to the original claims made by the salesman when discussing the proposed purchase. The salesman was provided with program. (Continued on Page 2)

Users Take Part in Study Of Need for OS Standard

WASHINGTON, D.C. Users are strongly represented on the new Standard Control Language Committee of the U.S. Standards Institute. The group has been formed to study possible standardization of computer control languages.

Millard Perstein of CDC, chairman of the new X3.42F committee, said it was formed to try to bring order out of chaos. He said the group does not know whether standardization was feasible or desirable, but it will evaluate the situation and make recommendations about practical ways of implementing changes in control languages.

The committee set up two subcommittees at its first meeting Feb. 4 and 5 at Systems Development Corp. in Santa Monica, Calif.

Users Head Subcommittees The users group is headed by John L. Little of the National Bureau of Standards. John Reutter of Bell Telephone Labs heads the functions work force.

Although representatives of the Business Equipment Manufacturers Association were instrumental in motivating the establishment of the committee, the users are represented.

About a year and a half ago, Perstein and his colleagues, and manufacturers on standardizing operating systems. Six months ago, Perstein was among the go-ahead by people in the standards activity to undertake the preliminary move of setting up a committee to study the situation. (Continued on Page 2)

Survey Shows 48% Use Cobol

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Cobol was the favorite language among 48% of 184 users surveyed by the Netherlands Automatic Information Processing Research Center. Assembly Language was second, favored by 37%.

Of the 184 users, 44% reported that they used Cobol for more than 70% of their programming. The popularity of the language was attributed to the ease with which Cobol programmers could be transferred from system to system.

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Information Interchange Code to Be Adopted July 1

WASHINGTON, D.C. All federal agencies have been instructed to use the Federal Standard Code for Information Interchange, beginning July 1.

Most of the computer and peripheral manufacturers have been designing their equipment within the parameters of the code. The Brooks Bill of 1965 and President Johnson's approval of the standard in 1968 gave the product-planning groups far warning. Because of this, nongovernment users who see the eventual need for information interchange with federal agencies should be in good

the measure in justifying any bypass of the standards.

Dr. Joseph O. Harrison, Jr., chief of the Office of Information Processing Standards, National Bureau of Standards, said, "The importance of the move on the part of the government should not be underestimated. The projections of the checkered society and computer-to-computer conversations are impossible without standard data facilities.

"Of course there are going to be problems," Harrison said, "but we have tried to anticipate them. Federal information processing task groups were established to prepare those affected." These groups of federal representatives have been working in the area of data and

hardware capability standards.

The code includes a standard 128-character set, a standard coded representation thereof, a method of representing the coded character set in machine media, and a standard collating sequence. The new standards are to be used for the interchange of information in machine-processible form within and between information systems. They do not, however, extend to the internal structure of the central processing unit or peripheral devices.

All computers and related equipment configurations brought into the federal inventory, acquired or leased, come under the guidelines. They also apply to data systems developed for implementation by or for gov-

ernment agencies, and to data developed outside the federal government at government expense. Related equipment includes all character-oriented devices in which magnetic tape or perforated tape is produced for input or received as output from a computer-based data system. They also apply to transmission terminal equipment when it is in support of a computer-based system.

Secretary of Commerce Maurice H. Stans has issued instructions to heads of all federal agencies for the standard's implementation. The stated objectives of the move are the "economical and efficient purchase, lease, maintenance, operation, and utilization of automatic data processing."



The new GE-410 time-sharing system.

User Blames His Problems On Vendor's Statements

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ected requirements, which have since been shown to be accurate, for the work load expected, the user said. The salesman recommended two machines as the number needed to handle the expected workload, he said.

The manufacturer, in a letter, had originally promised: "We are completely responsible for the entire system. This means from the initial survey thru [sic] the analysis [sales] tape. This includes designing the system, programs, forms design, operator training, follow-up [sic], etc."

Several areas were discussed at last week's meeting which showed a failure to live up to these problems. The programming, supposedly available last week, was delivered only one week previous to the meeting. System design was, at best, incomplete, the user felt. Training was adequate for the initial installation, but turnover in help was still unsolved.

At that point the manufacturer said that he would provide follow-up training as needed.

The figures originally supplied to the salesman required 1850 lines of billing per day, and this figure was the basis for the

30cps Terminal Unveiled by GE

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The unit has 94 characters, including upper/lower case capability. USASCI code is used.

Two print-line lengths are available: 75 or 118 print positions.

The basic Terminal 300 is reported to cost \$3400. Production is scheduled to begin in May, with GE quoting August delivery.

DATA COMMUNICATION IDEAS?

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two-machine recommendation.

During the meeting, both Computerworld and the user took independent measurements of the actual operation. Tests were run on the routines the manufacturer felt to be ideal, as well as more typical runs. Under the "ideal" case, the operator was able to operate the machines at about 75 billing lines per hour. Under the typical cases tested, the average never exceeded 60 lines per hour.

Based on these figures, two machines could, at best, produce about 1200 billing lines during a normal day. This represents about two-thirds of the required capacity. The conclusion, on the part of the user, was that the machines were nearly saturated during the quietest part of the user's season.

When faced with these figures, the manufacturer said: "We will re-evaluate our estimates based on your current needs and present you with a more reliable estimate." When asked why this situation had arisen, the manufacturer had no answer.

PHOENIX—A new "junior" member of the General Electric time-sharing computer family has been announced. The GE-410 will serve up to 10 user keyboards and can accommodate up to 40 connected terminals, the company said.

The system is intended for use by large industrial firms, government agencies, and commercial banks as a central, in-house time-sharing facility, GE said.

If desired, the 410 may be used in the multiprogramming batch-processing mode by the addition of extra disks and tapes. Available software includes the Basic and ASA Fortran IV languages and the Edit functions, with the Datatnet-30 Communication Executive and the GE-400 Time-Sharing Executive, GE said.

The system is, according to a

company spokesman, completely upward-compatible with the GE-430 and 440 systems by the addition of certain specified devices. Moving into the larger systems (serving 30 or 50 users respectively) requires no reprogramming and no operator retraining, he said.

The system consists of the central processor with a 32K word memory and 6.3 microsecond

access time, a console typewriter, two DSU-160 disk storage units, a card reader, and the Datatnet-30 Communications Processor. This basic configuration sells for slightly under \$500,000 and leases for \$10,475 per month. Additional disk storage up to 60 million characters is available as an option.

Deliveries are scheduled to start in August of this year.

Users Are Represented In OS Standards Study

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A source pointed out that many users hadn't realized that they should rise up and be heard. But some users are sufficiently interested, will pay their own way, work hard, and realize

that deliberations will be slow, he said. "They are dedicated to standardizing, although they realize that they're biting off a lot," he said.

Retraining Problem

John Little feels that standardization of computer control languages would be a help in personnel training for the users. "It would be easier for a person to go from one operating system to another without retraining or reference to manuals," he said.

Little also stressed that the committee is not a full-fledged standardization committee. "We're looking at the need in the area of operating system control, and the need seems obvious. It's because of the chaos in the wide variety of language control commands presently in use," he said. He stated that standardization would no doubt cut this down considerably.

Perstein said that progress reports will be received from the subcommittees at the second meeting, which will be held May 12 and 13 in Boston.

GSA Awards Multiple Contracts To Leasing Firms for First Time

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The General Services Administration has awarded leasing contracts for punched-card equipment to five separate bidders.

This is the first time GSA has solicited competitive bids on a governmentwide basis for any type of EDP equipment. Previously all such EDP equipment had been procured on a systems or package basis.

It is government procurement policy to shift from sole source to competitive bidding when the agency learns that there is more than one vendor with sufficient equipment available to meet the government's requirements.

H.A. Abersfelder, commissioner of GSA's Federal Supply Service, stated last month [CW, March 12] that peripherals need not come from the same vendor that supplies the mainframe, nor even all from the same peripherals maker.

GSA had no comment on the contract awards, but sources indicated that out of a total of \$6.6 million that is currently expended annually in rentals, the move will represent a savings of \$2.5 million annually.

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360-Compatible Video Terminal Has 1920 Character Positions

NEW YORK—A new, IBM 360-compatible terminal which sells in its stand-alone version for \$6500 and was announced at the IBM 2260, was announced at the IEEE conference here by Atlantic Technology Corp.

The terminal is primarily distinguished by the size of its screen and by the way it creates characters. The screen has a maximum size of 1920 character

positions and each character is made with curved strokes on a 4 x 4 matrix rather than by strings of dots or starburst stroke methods. The characters normally use approximately eight strokes in the 4 x 4 matrix but can use up to 16 in the "B" character.

A multistation version is also available. This uses a common controller, an expansion unit,

and between one and 32 displays. In this configuration, each expansion unit can handle up to 1920 characters which can be spread over eight terminals if each is using only 240 characters.

Typical applications for the ATC 2000 display terminals include centralized inventory control, airline reservation systems, management information retrieval, and cargo handling operations.

Software

The ATC 2000 uses the same software as the IBM 2848 and 2260 display units. ATC points out that this insures users against disruptions in periodic improvements in System 360 programming. Such improvements, ATC says, have obsoleted previous attempts to maintain 360 compatibility.

The basic interface is with an IBM 2701 teleprocessing data adaptor and data transmission rates of up to 4800 bits per second can be handled.

Manufacturing

The manufacturing methods involve medium-scale integration using Texas Instruments' transistor-transistor logic-integrated circuits and a read-only core memory.

The screen is completely refreshed every 16 milliseconds, so maintaining a 60 cps rate. The company believes that this allows an unusual degree of "flicker freedom" for the characters, although noting that no display is really completely flicker-free.

Options

Optional packages add the use of lower case characters and sixteen-line segments to permit limited graphic capacity including bar charts.



The new ATC 2000 series display was shown at the IEEE conference in New York. The screen can hold up to 1920 characters, each 0.16 in. high by 0.12 in. wide.

Software Association Membership Now Numbers 12 as CCA Signs Up

By a CW Staff Writer

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Computer Corp. of America is the latest company to join the Association of Independent Software Companies. CCA is the 12th firm to become a member.

The association is promoting patent laws to protect software. "The lifeblood of the independent software firm is proprietary software," CCA President

Thomas Marill said. "Substantial financial and manpower investments are made in software development. The originator, especially the smaller independent firm, deserves the same patent protection that is given companies in manufacturing industries."

If it is not given," Marill said, "we will continue to be at the mercy of the industry giants."

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First NCR Century Installation - 3 Months Later

TORRENCE, Calif. — Following up on the first installation of a NCR Century 100 computer, at Cal-Metal, CW talked with data processing manager Frank C. Hill about the way in which NCR has supported his work, and the feelings of the company about the new computer.

No Significant Problems

The first point brought out was the over-all smoothness of the entire procedure. The machine arrived Nov. 21 and was completely operational by the 22nd. A few small problems occurred with the printer, but the support was excellent. No significant delay occurred in getting the machine running.

Time Savings

Prior to the Century 100 installation, the company had been operating three shifts per day to handle the work load. With the current 50% split between the two systems (the old NCR 100 and the Century) they are operating on one six-hour shift per day, and have not yet saturated the Century's capabilities. Hill feels that one shift will be sufficient for the entire operation, once conversion is completed.

Documentation Excellent

Another point Hill brought out was that, "The documentation was written in English, rather than computerese." There were no problems understanding what was intended by the manuals, and they were current and correct at all levels.

The installation is using the

new language, Nest/3, developed to facilitate application programming, and is very happy with it. An example of the ease with which it can be used was pointed out by Hill. The previous system for handling the annual W-2 forms required a 13-hour run to complete the job. This year they started on a Wednesday, redesigned the W-2 system, wrote the system in Nest/3, and mailed out the W-2s Friday morning of the same week. The total run time was under six hours.

A minor problem developed in the Sort program, according to Hill, but the support people from NCR were able to get around it in less than two days. This type of support, Hill said, "makes us very happy, and our company officials very happy."

Not Happy With ADS

The one area where Hill had certain reservations was the Accurately Defined Systems (ADS) documentation technique. He said that the amount of paper needed, and the amount of writing required, made the operation almost an "overkill." The goals of the approach were excellent, but the implementation was too cumbersome.

Other Users Happy

In asking other recipients of the new machine the same type of questions, the DP managers reported similar reactions to CW. They felt that support was excellent, problems were minimal, and the support network working far better than they had thought possible.



Programmer Dan Bogie sets up the console for a run.



Loading the high-speed paper tape reader

The two-spindle disk drive stores working records, programs, and system software.



Console typewriter works on multiprogramming basis to avoid disrupting work flow.



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Sanders 5700 Display/Tape System

Display to Punched Tape System Permits Operator to Verify Input

NASHUA, N.H.—Two key-board display CRT-to-punched paper tape systems have been announced by Sanders Associates, Inc.

Designated the 5700 series, they allow visual checking of information before it is punched into 5 or 8-channel tapes.

The input station is the key to the operation. It has a dedicated paper tape reader, a keyboard, and a CRT. In a typical application, the operator reads a format program into memory, setting up proper tab stops. Then she reads in repetitive information and keys the information which differs from record to record. All this appears on the CRT, which the operator can check against the source documents and correct by insertions, deletions, and typewriters. Corrected information is then sent directly to a common punch, which takes records on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are two units. The 5708 is an 8-channel unit which handles 64 ASCII characters. It can have up to three input stations and one high-speed punch, Sanders said.

The 5709 can handle either the 64 ASCII characters or 5-channel (Baudot) information. It can have up to 12 input stations, Sanders said, and ASCII and Baudot readers and punches can be interfaced for simultaneous transmission, the company said.

Both units can read at up to 45 characters per second (limited by CRT refresh rate) and can punch at up to 180 characters per second, Sanders said.

A 5708 with one control unit, three 1024-character memories (one per input station), and three stations, rack-mounted, sells for \$22,225 and rents for \$784 per month, the company said. Both the 5708 and the 5709 are available for three-month delivery.

Expansion Foam Protects Tape Libraries From Fire

NEW YORK—A system to protect magnetic tape libraries from fire and radiant heat has been developed and tested by Shell Oil Co.'s New York Data Center.

The heart of the system is a foam compound of water and a synthetic liquid, which undergoes a 500-to-1 expansion generated by a fan. Tests measured the system's efficiency in protecting against radiant heat, accidental open flame, and an incendiary missile, and determined the effect on tape in standard containers of prolonged immersion in foam.

Each of the heat and flame tests showed that temperatures inside the canisters were held well below the 130°-150° F danger range specified by the tape manufacturer. None of the tests showed water vapor getting into canisters.

Some interesting conclusions were drawn:

1. The system appears to protect against Molotov-cocktail-type sabotage.
2. If the source of heat is below the library, tapes near the floor will come into contact with heated foam which may damage them.
3. An additional safety factor is the fact that the temperatures were recorded in empty canisters—tape wound under tension will heat up less quickly.
4. The foam doesn't damage

clothes, so that tapes can be retrieved immediately after a disaster.

5. Foam can be controlled, and is not fully expended, as in a CO₂ system, providing backup protection against re-ignition.

6. It leaves a residue, but the 500-to-1 expansion means that the cleanup problem is limited.

Assisting Shell in the tests were the 3M Company, which made the tape, and Don Knapp, Inc., representing Rockwood Jets, which developed the system.

Firm Reduces Prices

On Drives, Memories

BOSTON—Price reductions of up to 20% on Adage MT7 magnetic tape transports and on selected core memory sub-systems, available on Adage Graphics Terminals Models AGT/10, AGT/30, and AGT/50, have been announced. The reductions have been made possible by increased demand for Adage Graphics Terminals and by production economies.



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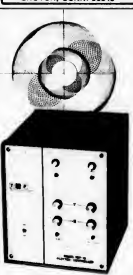
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Communications Controller Relieves Central Processor

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A new communications control system will relieve the heavy communications load on central processors of the size range of IBM's 360 Models 60, 65, and 85 and Univac's 1108, according to Comtec, Inc.

The Comtec 60 includes a 32-bit parallel processor with 300 nanosecond memory from 32,768 to 131,072 bytes. It has 16 high-speed general-purpose registers, four general-purpose

New Products

equipment now in use at the central processor, Comtec says. Comtec, Inc., 2 Research Court, Rt. 704 and Shady Grove, Rockville, Md. 20850.

Multiple-Use Console

A new, integrated console system can be used as a remote batch terminal, as an on-line conversational station, or for off-line peripheral operations, the company says. The CC-36 Teletype Conversational/Batch Station includes a 300 card-per-minute reader and a portable nonimpact 300 character-per-second, 80-column printer.

This basic system sells for \$23,900, and can be enhanced with a keyboard for operator control and data entry, a television screen, and an interface for remote communications at up to 50,000 bits per second. For multiple copies, or larger column printouts, an impact printer is available. A station can be controlled by stored instructions. Computer Communications, Inc., 701 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, Calif. 90301.

Line Printer

The PRT-130 is General Electric's new line printer for the 100 series of small computers. The printer is rated at 1100 lines per minute and operates under the supervision of either Disk or Tape Operating System. It will lease for \$1150 per month.

GE also announced the PTP-120, a 150 character-per-second paper tape punch, also for the 100 series. The PTP-120 leases for \$350 per month, and sells for \$1,500.

General Electric, Small Com-



puter Marketing Operation, Bridgeport, Conn.

64-Character Printer

A line printer, the Mark IV, that prints 80 columns at 1050 lines per minute using a 64-character set, has been designed for data communications, remote terminal applications, and small computer systems. It will print up to six copies. The Mark IV print hammer is designed to be replaced in less



than two minutes, with standard tools. Data Products Corp., 6219 De Soto Ave., Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364.

Tape Reader and Handlers

A photoelectric paper-tape reader, PTR-723, and three related tape handlers, PTH-300, 500, and 1000 have been designed for digital data handling, communications, numerical control, phototypesetting, and other programmed systems.

The handlers operate at 30, 50, and 100 inches per second respectively, at 10 characters per inch.

Bi-directional reading and high-speed reading are standard on all three handlers. They feature quick-release reel hubs and a dancer-arm lockout for easy loading.

General Electric, Information Devices Dept., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Low-Speed Card Reader

A low-speed card reader, Speedreader 300, can be used in data communications systems and with small and medium-scale computers. The reader operates in demand mode up to 300



cards per minute. A flexible blade pack follows variations in card shape.

SR-300 can be interfaced with any computer system. Maintainability is improved by use of TTL circuitry, and by solid-state plug-in modules, the company claims.

The reader is 20 in. wide, 15 in. high, and 22 in. deep, and weighs about 70 lbs.

Data Products Corp., 6219 De Soto Ave., Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364.

Stored-Program Accounting

A new, stored-program accounting machine, the 6435, is capable of storing 160 instructions from punched cards, and is optionally expandable to 330. The instructions control repetitive processing steps, calculation, and printing.

A 6430, with console card reader, will rent for \$450 per month and sell for \$15,750. With reader and punch, rental is \$740 per month and the selling price is \$27,100. First customer deliveries are scheduled for the fourth quarter of this year. IBM, Data Processing Div., 112 East Fox Road, White Plains, N.Y. 10601.

2400-Bit Data Set

A new data set, Model 2204, transmits at 2400 bits per second over dial-up or dedicated leased lines.

It is a four-phase mode, compatible with most existing four-



phase units, such as the Western Electric 2018.

The set includes circuitry techniques found in eight-phase units and is a one-unit duplex set. The price is \$2350 with delivery within 10 days. International Communications Corp., 7260 N.W. 36th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33147.

Phone Translation System

Compute-A-Phone, a Touch-Tone to remote keypunch translation system, will accept full alphanumeric information entered by different combinations of two Touch-Tone buttons, and will also code, cards, various elementary arithmetic functions, such as add, subtract, multiply, divide, total, and clear.

The system is simple, for it needs only a telephone located at the site of the remote keypunch. Applications already being performed include truck dispatching, transmission of engineering drawing requests, dairy cooperative customer order processing, and medical billing.

Photo Magnetic Systems, Inc., 10750 Tucker St., Belleville, Md. 20750.

General-Purpose Terminal

A movable-keyboard data entry console, the LC-728, functions as a general-purpose ter-



minal, providing two-way communication with a computer.

It is part of the LC-720 Data Entry System, for entry onto magnetic storage media from several terminals. Logic Corp., 15 E. Euclid Ave., Haddonfield, N.J.

Wideband Data Systems

Diginet 400 is a new series of wideband data systems that will handle computer data, facsimile, and wideband voice messages. The systems include baseband and carrier data sets, vestigial sideband modems, and repeaters. The units communicate synchronous or nonsynchronous duplex serial binary digital data at up to 50,000 bits per second.

Data sets for computer terminal interface are housed in a desk-top cabinet; repeaters and



sideband modems which communicate with communications equipment installations come in two different rack-mounted, shallow-depth designs.

Diginet TDM 401 and 402 are baseband data sets for high-speed digital interface with equipment such as magnetic tape terminals, a computer or high-speed remote terminals. They condition the digital data for transmission over cable pairs.

Diginet TDM 403 baseband repeaters are for extended distances between a baseband data set and a Diginet 400 system component such as another baseband data set, a carrier modem, or a carrier data set.

Diginet TDM 420 and 421 vestigial sideband modems interface the baseband transmission from a TDM 401, 402, or 403 with carrier equipment.

Diginet TDM 422 and 423 carrier data sets are vestigial sideband data modems which interface directly with the data terminal for applications where terminal and carrier equipment are near each other.

Diginet 400 systems may be configured in point-to-point, multipoint, and switched-communication networks. The digital interface is basically the same regardless of system configuration or whether the interface is with a Diginet baseband or carrier data set.

Section P. General Electric Communications Products Dept., P.O. Box 4197, Lynchburg, Va. 24502.

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Employment System Said To Handle All Job Types

By Patricia Coffey

CW Staff Writer
SALT LAKE CITY—What is described as the only computer system that finds jobs for workers in a full occupational spectrum is being utilized here by the Utah Department of Employment Security.

People may now receive job referrals in minutes rather than days, according to Curtis P. Harding, department administrator. Harding said that Utah was selected by the federal government for the job-matching pilot project. It took two years of planning and implementation.

"The present system was designed by the state and federal governments and adopted by the data processing people," he said. Harding said they wanted to find an ideal system. Although other jurisdictions are using computerized job matching, Utah's is the only system that covers the full occupational spectrum, he said.

The three-month-old system is expected to handle 80,000 applicants and 50,000 jobs a year. Employers with job openings

phone an employment security office. From there, job specifications are transmitted from the video data terminal over telephone lines to an RCA Spectra 70/45 computer. The computer searches through its files for persons whose skills match the specifications.

The same process occurs when a job-seeker registers. The file is sifted to see if his qualifications can be matched to a vacancy. If not, they are stored electronically for later matches. When he secures a job, his name is removed from the files.

An employed individual seeking an improvement in his job may also make use of the system.

Harding said that several thousand job-seekers and openings are matched each week.

During the national election campaign last summer, President Nixon expressed interest in the use of computers to help match workers with jobs. "I think if a computer can match boys and girls for dates, it can match men and jobs," he said.

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4th GE-600 System in Operation

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — A \$3 million GE-600 series information processing system has been installed here to provide Mark II time-sharing service to users throughout the Northeast.

Installed in GE's Information Processing Center at 60 Washington Ave. here, it is the fourth such system in operation. Others are in Los Angeles and Cleveland.

The system supplements the Mark I time-sharing service provided over the past three years

by three smaller GE-200 systems.

The larger memory capacity of the Mark II service enables users to prepare and process programs approximately twice the size of those using the Mark I service, at speeds up to 10 to 15 times faster, GE said.

Service will be available to users in such upstate cities as Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Binghamton, Elmira, Poughkeepsie, and Albany; and to Vermont and Massachusetts.

Linnell Electronics Officers Resign

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — More details became available last week regarding the recent resignation of James Linnell from Linnell Electronics, a subsidiary of Memory Magnetics Inc. Apparently, not merely did Linnell

resign from the presidency, but the other officers also resigned, including the treasurer, M. Greenberg, and the sales director, Lawrence Brownsey.

Wes Powers, president of Memory Magnetics, told CW that he didn't feel it was very unusual that the presidents of both Athana Corp. and Linnell Electronics, two of MMI's major subsidiaries, should have resigned from the firms that bore their names. "A person may be a very fine engineer, but that doesn't mean that he makes a good president," Powers said. "I just could not agree with some of the sales policies."

Linnell said that Powers had urged the officers not to resign but they had all insisted on doing so.

The production situation at Linnell appears to be that eight disk drives have been completed but only one or two have been sold.

In the meantime, the stock-trading suspension order against the Comstock Keystone Corp., the former name of Memory Magnetics, continued in force although an audit was said, by company spokesmen, to have been completed and presented to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Tape to Card Units Shipped

NEW YORK — Mohawk Data Sciences Corp. has begun shipping a new line of magnetic tape-to-punched card subsystems to end-user customers.

The subsystem, consisting of a Mohawk Data-Recorder cable connected to an MDS 6013 card punch, converts records on magnetic tape to punched cards at 200 cards per minute. By using Data-Recorders with transmission capabilities, the new devices permit tape-to-tape transmission of data and conversion of cards at a remote site.

The card punch, which includes an echo check to insure punch accuracy, lists for \$21,500 and rents for \$484.50 per month with maintenance. The total subsystem carries a minimum list price of \$28,700 and a monthly rental of \$623, depending on the model of Data-Recorder used.

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Editorials

Plan for Progress

One of the news items from the IEEE show deals with a 360-compatible terminal which the manufacturer says can replace the IBM 2260. The ATC 2000, however, can hold many more characters on its screen than can the 2260. This presents users with both an immediate problem and a long-term one.

Immediately, of course, it means that people who have the IBM unit must re-examine their needs and see whether they really could use the compatible unit with advantage. This is a standard problem that is hitting users more and more frequently as compatibility comes into reality.

But even more important than this is the second-level problem. As compatibility clearly is coming, it is no longer reasonable to design systems simply for the equipment that is currently available. The progression of displays from small to large has been only one of the apparently inevitable results of progress. When the compatibility feature is added, however, it suggests that an analyst should design a system so that it can be changed every six months or so instead of every three or four years.

How it will change, of course, will not be known in many cases. But contingency factors—like the possibility of a unit with a larger display—are now such a likelihood that they should be included in the original systems analysis.

This is not often done. The likelihood of major changes in a short time span has been so slight that any decisions about them are normally taken only *after* the new units have become available. Frequently this is so costly that it may prevent the new units from being properly considered.

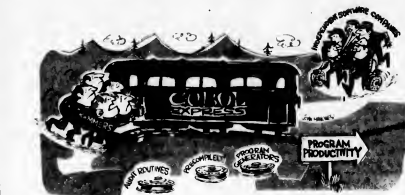
However, this cost could be avoided if it were realized that progress is inevitable, and if analyses were made, on a contingency basis, of the four or five most likely advances in the technology at the time when it is least expensive—during the original study.

Help a Datamation Reader

Readers of the March *Datamation*, reading of IBM Vice-President George Beitzel's statement on "Fourth Generation" compatibility, may feel like the man who came into a detective movie half an hour after it started. Reasonably so—because they have got only half of the story.

What they weren't told is that the whole IBM internal newspaper article was on the subject, "The Fourth Generation—Competition," and that Beitzel was supposed to be answering the question, "Do you see the next generation as having program compatibility?" Understanding his answer, without knowing the question (or even that there was a question!) is practically impossible.

So—if you do know a *Datamation* reader who is not also a *Computerworld* reader, won't you help him and let him know what the real content of Beitzel's remarks was? (To help you, we are reprinting the full article on page 9.)



"Thank Goodness, Someone Finally Remembered the Wheels!"

Letters to the Editor

Canning Challenges Editorial Demanding ACM Explanation

I wish to take exception to your editorial of March 5, titled "Full Explanation Needed." You imply that ACM representatives to Afips, with either unparalleled generosity or just plain shortsightedness, "gave away" a large share of future Afips surpluses, under the new constitution. Such is not the case.

If you had studied both the old and the new constitutions carefully, or had asked any of the Afips board members, you would have found the following:

Under the old constitution, the surplus was determined *after* funds were approved for Afips-sponsored projects. Under the new constitution, the surplus is determined *before* any projects are considered. Further, the framers of the new constitution were aware that there is a rapidly growing number of requests for Afips funds to sponsor worthy projects. The new constitution allows Afips to continue to sponsor projects but not at the expense of the surplus to be distributed to the three societies. ACM not only will not get less but may well get more income under the new constitution.

Richard G. Canning

ACM Representative

Afips Executive Committee New York

As the title of CW's editorial "Full Explanation Needed" suggests, what is sought is light, not heat. We did not imply anything; we merely stated that the financial implications for the ACM of the new Afips constitution are substantial (a definite limit is set on what funds Afips can transfer to the members such as ACM), and as the ACM is now in financial distress, an explanation of the implications should be offered. Canning's own presentation of the new Afips constitution to the ACM Council failed in this important regard.

Computerworld has studied both the old and the new constitutions carefully. Indeed, it appears we have studied the new one more carefully than the people who OK'd it for release. (See next letter.) —ACM members still need a full explanation. Ed.

CW Congratulated for Noting Error in the Afips Bylaws

Congratulations on picking up the typo in our bylaws [CW, March 19]. They should read: "shall not engage in any substantial activity which is in direct competition with activities of its constituent societies." The error occurred in preparing the printed version.

Bruce Gilchrist
Executive Director

Afips
Montvale, N.J.

Disk Pack Damage, Not Drive Damage, Seen as Real Problem

Again the manufacturers are greedy by trying to strong-arm users into using only their disk packs by making head damage to their drives a customer cost.

Nonsense. In over 50,000 hours of 1311/2311 use (unfortunately only one manufacturer's packs) we have never had head damage.

On the other hand, two packs have been destroyed by (1) main metal arm snapping from fatigue, and (2) whole mechanism overriding crash stop barrier.

Hence, in my opinion, in practice the manufacturers will be more concerned with paying for competitive packs (and not being able to replace with their own packs at cost), than in collecting head damages.

George W. Warner, CDP
Director, Management Control Systems
Aberdeen Manufacturing Corp.
New York

For First-Time Users

Univac Systems Have a Lot to Offer

By A.B. Williams
CW staff writer
Univac's recently announced Mark II models of the 9200 and 9300 processors, supported by 8411 disks, tapes, and faster printers, are aimed right at the first-time user.

Mark II is on the nose. Previously, the 9200 was limited to "integrated" units—250 lines per minute on the 9200, 600 lines per minute on the 9300. The offerings were attractively priced—the new ones are, too. Univac's early 9000 series came with the understanding that to get faster peripherals, the

user would have to get a larger processor. This has now been changed.

The 9000 series software reflects the changes. The 9200 was originally offered as a card system, then enhanced with the 8410 disk. The 8410 was supported by input/output software only—no operating system, no compilers. This, too, has changed. Both the 9200 and the 9300 will have Cobol, RPG, and an assembler for tape and disk, and a tape Fortran.

The announcement had two nuggets that may not be quite so obvious. When a faster printer is attached via a multiplexer, the integrated printer can be released to serve as an output-system message writer—at con-

siderably higher speeds than competitive keyboard printers. The 350,000 byte-per-second selector channel offers an opportunity to speculate about future Univac announcements of larger, faster mass storage units. The 8411 doesn't use half the selector channel's capacity, and it places the greatest demand on the selector of the current 9000 series peripherals.

An attempt to prolong the life of the user's processor is good news, Mark II does that. Other manufacturers will be doing more of this in the future—out of sheer necessity, if not for altruistic reasons.

Every announcement in we small-scale market makes it more
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An Interview With DP Group's Assistant General Managers

"Fourth Generation" ..Competition..

G.B. Beitzel, IBM vice-president and assistant general manager — plans & controls, DP Group.

T.C. Papes, assistant general manager — operations, DP Group.

What will be different about the "Fourth Generation"?
MR. BEITZEL: We have built the business, not in terms of generations, but in terms of better service for the dollar. The great promise for the future is in work started months and sometimes years ago. Future announcements will be determined not by a "liberal" or a "conservative" announcement policy, but rather by the best way to get better price performance out into the field and get it there before the competition does.

MR. PAGES: I see another indicator of our business philosophy by looking at the specific developments under way. If you looked at our major projects a year ago, you'd see that we are shooting for higher goals today — more performance, more function, more capacity, more equipment that is competitive. We are swinging with the technology. At the technology presents us with an opportunity to do better, we are moving right ahead and improving what we have. We intend to continue in the leadership role.

When we introduced System/360, customers had to reprogram, essentially, except for the emulation projects. Do you see the next generation as having program compatibility?

MR. BEITZEL: When we announced the System/360, we asked the data processing community to "reset to zero." We did this because of the proliferation of languages, machine architecture, and input and output devices. Incompatibility and proliferation meant customers were paying a premium price to go much further in computing. That was our judgment. It has been more than vindicated by System/360's reception in the marketplace.

Where do we go from here? We have a great debt to ourselves and to our customers to maintain some consistency between where they are today and where they are going to be in the future. But I don't think we will do this at any price. If something comes along we think is a substantially better way to get price performance into the market, we would not hesitate to change.

The above article appeared in December, 1968, in an internal IBM publication. Its meaning is currently under discussion, with Computerworld warning that it appears that the "Fourth Generation" may be program-incompatible and calling for a clear statement from

Beitzel — who, according to the full article, is apparently already in a position to know (1).

In response, Beitzel claims that he was quoted out of context and reiterates his "statement" (2), but ignores the question he was supposed to answer (3). This is the full article.

New Systems Aimed at First-Time Users

(Continued from Page 8)

obvious that a prospective new user should do a good deal of homework. He should define quite closely what he needs to make the break from pure card or manual to computer. This will determine the company's real needs. They often may be simply stated, as, "How much will you do for us by way of programming and systems help?" They should also include an honest attempt to determine when the installation can become independent of the vendor's help in getting on the air, and a look into the future sufficiency of the processor under consideration.

"How much more can I do efficiently with the processor we're talking about?" is another question, and one which Univac is beginning to answer.

As a vendor deeply committed to the small-computer user, Univac is not alone. IBM is a household word; 360/20 is perhaps the first small computer that comes to mind. Other vendors deeply committed to the service of the first-time user are Honeywell, with the 110 and 120; NCR, with the Century series; and GE, with the 100 family. Each sells a different combination of strengths in hardware, software, and support. Since the first computer decision is so important, the would-be user is

well-advised not to sign with the first vendor who calls. One may satisfy his particular needs better than the others.



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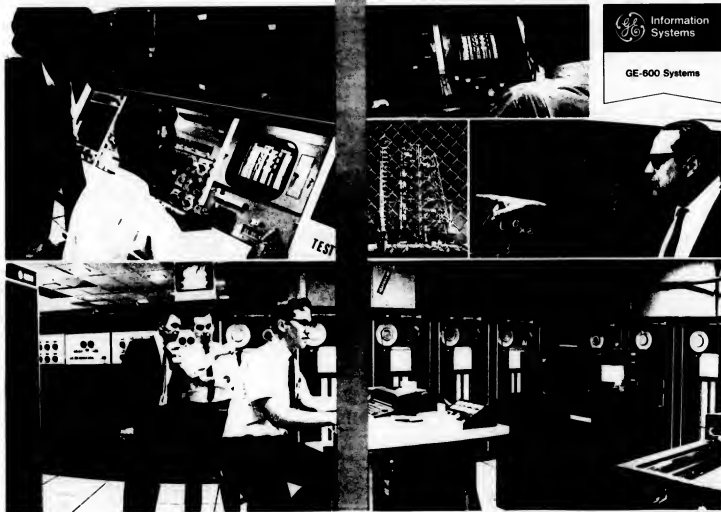
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The conference, which has as its theme "Today's World of Real-Time Systems," will be held June 17-19 in the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

In addition, the technical program will also cover such topics as high-speed data communications, software testing through functional simulation, small time-shared systems, on-line information retrieval systems, languages for process control,

and new system designs to meet specific real-time requirements.

Further information may be obtained from Robert M. Kalb,

conference chairman, Univac Division of Sperry Rand, 2276 Hightest Drive, Roseville, Minn. 55113.

Supervisors Still Cry for Relief From Paperwork, Survey Finds

NEW YORK — Wall Street managers aren't the only ones drowning in a sea of paperwork these days. According to a recent nationwide survey (total of 1100 responses) conducted by the American Management Association's *Supervisory Management* magazine, two-thirds of those supervisors responding said that half or more of their time is taken up with shuffling papers. Though the samplings were deliberately weighted on the side

of production supervisors, 63% of the respondents said they supervise office activities, as against 37% for plant activities. This suggests a strong trend toward greater administrative responsibilities for all supervisors regardless of the type of activity in which their company is engaged. Hence, in the questionnaire space reserved for comments, the many requests for help with clerical problems and paperwork management.

Univac Users Elect Young

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. — Arthur P. Young of Remington Rand has been elected president of the Univac Users Association, succeeding James S. Nelson of U.S. Gypsum Co.

Others elected at the spring conference here were George J. Poppy, Jr., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, vice-president; and Seaton B. Milne, Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, secretary.

The UUA, which held its first formal conference in 1957, is designed to bring the Univac user together with the company representatives to exchange information and ideas.

The association holds semi-annual conferences. The next will be held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Sept. 16-18.

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Attendance Data Input by Card Dialers Helps School Monitor 63,000 Students

PONTIAC, Mich. — A computer is taking attendance daily for some 63,000 school children here and is credited with helping to reduce tardiness and absenteeism in the Oakland Schools.

Oakland Schools is an intermediate district serving 28 local school districts within Oakland County. Oakland officials say theirs is the only system in the country in which the total attendance function is provided by a single electronic transmission from participating schools.

The computer, compiles and distributes attendance figures so swiftly that school officials are able to spot and analyze trends and take positive action before attendance problems develop. Computer-generated statistics already have revealed that about 80% of those pupils who enroll as much as a day late drop out before the semester is completed.

Merlin K. Reeds, director of the Oakland Schools Division of Data Processing, said he has been told by guidance counselors that poor attendance often has its roots within the family and may be traced by a careful examination of pupil records through elementary, junior, and senior high schools.

This computerized record-keeping allows a social worker to pay but a single call on a family regardless of the different schools its children may attend," he said.

Reeds said some schools within the districts have dropped from the head of the list on poor

attendance as a result of knowledgeable officials' use of tardiness and absenteeism reports provided by the computer.

An IBM 7770 audio response unit is activated when individual schools tap out a code on a Touch-Tone phone and instruct callers, "Please send school ID."

This is done by inserting telephone card dialers coded with the name of the school, type of attendance — daily, hourly, etc. — and the period covered.

Next, the computer tells the caller, "Please send attendance." This is accomplished by inserting the attendance card dialers for pupils who are tardy or absent.

The completed data is transmitted to a 360/50 which pro-

vides printouts for use by individual school officials.

"Early intervention in cases of excessive absenteeism has resulted in a substantial decrease in the number of pupils referred to the authorities under the compulsory attendance law," Reeds said.

He said the information on attendance trends provided by computer-generated statistics also will be used in analyzing the whys and wherefores of perfect attendance.

"Guidance counselors feel that if we can find out a little about the attitudes of those pupils who never miss a day of school, we may also shed some light on the other extreme," he said.



Barbara Gordon, 14, uses a card dialer unit at John F. Kennedy Junior High School to feed attendance data to the computer.

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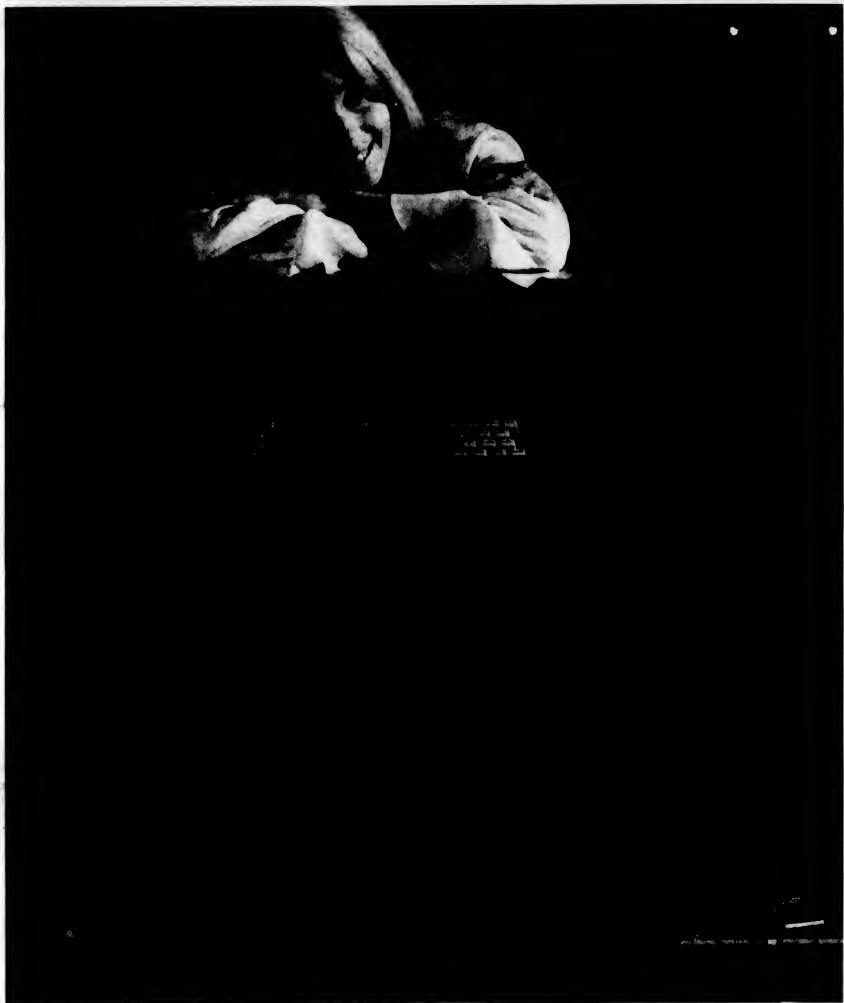
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Law Center of The George Washington University is offering, under its Computers-In-Law Institute, a computers-in-law graduate research fellowship.

This fellowship is for the nine-month academic year. The stipend is in the amount of approximately \$7800 (which includes \$1800 for tuition). It will be awarded for research and related study in the combined computer and law disciplines.

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The Keyboard

The keyboard of the Ty-core operator station is arranged in keypunch format. The operator uses the system she's accustomed to. The one difference is "touch". The Ty-core keyboard utilizes optical rather than conventional mechanical switching. The result is a true "typewriter feel" similar to that of the most expensive electric machines, enabling the operator to maintain speed with maximum efficiency. A mechanical interlock prevents depressing two keys simultaneously.

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Ty-Tape

In the Ty-core system, data is keyed directly from the keyboard to a Ty-tape cartridge. This eliminates the need for threading and handling tape-to-tape reels and prevents data loss or tape damage. The cartridge is virtually indestructible and may be used over and over.

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All the News That Fits, We Print' Could Be Computer Editing Theme

By Joseph Hanlon
Civ Staff Writer

EASTON, Pa. — "All the news that fits, we print" should be the theme of newspapers using a computer program to cut copy to fit their news pages.

The program, Anap (American newspaper publisher's abstracting technique), drops paragraphs from an article to shorten it to a predetermined length. The program is intended only for wire-service copy, such as is provided by the Associated Press or United Press International, and can be used only by newspapers that use wire-service copy without further editing.

Wire services provide articles to newspapers in the form of hard copy (typed on a teletype) or punched paper tape that can be fed directly to linecasters. Anap uses the paper tape to read the article, cut it to a predetermined number of lines, and then produce a new tape for the linecaster.

Cutting is done only by drop-

ping paragraphs. Anap does not rewriting or rearranging.

In deciding which paragraphs to cut, Anap gives each word a numerical weight (giving extra weight to key words and capitalized words, for example). These weights are added to assign a numerical weight to each paragraph. Finally, the article is cut by dropping the least important paragraphs, according to these weights.

Cutting from the middle creates a problem that Anap has not been able to solve, however. Anap makes no attempt to find out if two paragraphs are related, and consequently it may drop a paragraph identifying a speaker, but retain the next paragraph in which he is quoted. Similarly, it may drop a paragraph introducing a new idea, but retain subsequent paragraphs explaining that idea.

Only Partially Ready

Erwin Jaffe, research director of the American Newspaper Pub-

lishers Association, Research Institute here, explained that Anap is really designed for use in combination with a much larger system which has not been fully developed. Such a system would probably contain a CRT unit with editing capabilities which would allow the copy editor to make changes, and then produce a revised paper tape.

Currently there is no easy way to make changes in paper tape, so Anap is of use to newspapers that run only wire-service copy without editing.

Jaffe admitted that, "Anap as it exists is not perfect," but he said that it is important as "a first step into the editorial area, where no one has done anything about automating the work flow." He also noted that it is "a relatively simple program for an inexpensive computer—the IBM 1130."

Two newspapers are currently using Anap, according to Jaffe, but he refused to identify them.

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Computer graphics aided architect James Dickson in the design of this unusual model house.

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CLEVELAND — Computer technology was used by architect James Dickson as an aid in designing a \$50,000 walk-through model house built for the 1969 Cleveland Home and Flower Show.

To double-check perspective and sight lines, architect Dickson used a computer to convert two-dimensional drawings into three-dimensional views. The computer graphics were handled by the University of Washington, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Department of Architecture.

David L. Bonstedt, assistant professor, headed the computer graphics group. George Schwalm, thesis and internist, supervised graduate students, organized and executed the work.

In outlining reasons for using computer graphics, architect Dickson said, "Plans or working drawings give the architect a two-dimensional picture. After a structure is built, visual problems sometimes loom up in the most unlikely places. The computer provided us with a series of line drawings of the house from any given point of view. Thus, any aesthetic problems could be studied and resolved before we started building."

Bonstedt said the group pro-

vided 12 exterior views. Computer time was 46 seconds on an IBM 7094-7040 DCS computer. Plotter time was 40 minutes on an EAI 3500 table plotter.

The program which enabled a three-point perspective projection to be calculated and plotted for each station point, was developed by the Urban Data Center, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Washington, and modified by the university's department of architecture. Procedures steps were as follows:

1. Preparation of polygon data (two or three-dimensional closed planar shapes) describing environment to be pictured. This involved translating the building geometry into numerical values (X, Y, Z coordinates) of each point plotted.

2. Preparation of plot data describing station point, focal point, and cone of vision for each view.

The project was one of a series that has been carried out in the university's department of architecture as studies concerned with the use of visual experience in architecture.

The complex four-bedroom, four-bath, two-story home makes the most of interior space and thus was an ideal subject

RAF's Record and Pay System Called Most Technically Advanced

By a Civ Staff Writer

GLOUCESTER, England — A computerized record and pay office system, described as the largest and most technically advanced in its field in the world, has been placed in full operation by Britain's Royal Air Force.

Centered around a Univac 1107 computer, the system is installed at the RAF station at Innsworth near here. Primary benefits of the system will be increased administrative efficiency and considerable economies in clerical manpower. Another asset from the system is expected to result from the ability to forecast manpower requirements rapidly from the concentration of information.

The file records relate to personnel and pay data of upwards of 100,000 airmen and women, some 20,000 serving officers, and reserve forces.

The records are used for allocation of manpower to every RAF unit throughout the world, management of careers, preparation of statistical information, issuance of pay statements, and

provision of contingency plans for overseas emergency reinforcement and mobilization.

When fed with basic codes relating to a change of any type of record, the computer automatically updates all relevant records and produces a multitude of exception and warning printouts and other essential management information.

Taking 10 years to complete, from the initial feasibility study to full operation, the record and pay system is estimated by RAF officials to be five years ahead of any other similar system.

The software programming in the system has been designed in modular structure form to minimize the amount of reworking required when amendments to the system may be needed.

The complete 1107 system includes a main memory of 65,000 words, two high-speed 111-800 random access drums storing 9.4 million characters of information, 11 magnetic tape units, three high-speed printers, and two paper tape reader/punch units.



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GE-400 Software Offered For Accounts Receivable

By a CW staff writer
PHOENIX — An accounts receivable system for the GE-400 line of computers has been announced by GE. The package can serve both single and multi-location companies having a variety of businesses.

The new system automatically posts, updates, bills, and identifies delinquent accounts. Many different weekly and monthly reports are produced, and are said to provide a thorough insight into financial trends and more effective financial control of business operations.

The system is, according to GE, suitable for banks or computer service bureaus, as well as for manufacturing firms. The system is currently processing more than 12,000 open accounts in the accounts receivable section of GE's Construction Materials Division in Bridgeport, Conn.

Commenting on the division's installation of the accounts re-

ceivable system, C.A. Renouard, manager of manufacturing industry development, said implementation of the new system resulted in marked reductions in receivables processing time due to: 50% reduction in input preparation time, 80% reduction in error detection time, 10% reduction in the average number of days an account is open, and a reduction of two-thirds in the time originally devoted to processing monthly customer statements.

The package operates in any GE-400 computer with 16K words of memory, five tape drives, a card reader, a card punch, and a high-speed printer. The program is also adaptable to disk storage, if desired.

For further information about this package, a brochure entitled "GE-400 Accounts Receivable System" (GEA-8800) is available from General Electric, Dept. 6-207, Schenectady, N.Y. 12305.

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The package is currently operational at several sites including the Cosmic Software center at the University of Georgia and the Illinois Institute of Technology library of programs for mechanical structure analysis, the company said.

Using magnetic tapes, the package stores, maintains, modifies, deletes, and retrieves decks or individual records. It can, according to the company, handle flowcharts, programs, program specifications, etc. Due to a very compact method of storage, up to one-half million cards may be stored on a single tape.

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The program also has a "Flowchart" option which can generate flowcharts for any program, reading from left to right across the printed page. This feature, the company feels, al-

lows complete documentation standards to be maintained for any program, no matter how large, and no matter how many of them there are.

The package sells for \$25,000 and leases for \$6000 per year. Only 13 basic computer models are needed to use the entire facilities of the system.

Decision Table to Cobol Conversion Now a Service

GLENSIDE, Pa. — A new approach to programming, combining the advantages of time-sharing, the wide usefulness of Cobol, and the optimization of decision tables into a single package has been announced by Information Systems Leasing Corp. in conjunction with Computer Network Corp. here.

The system will be available through the Connet network of time-sharing installations using Burroughs 5500 computers in several locations around the country, according to ISL. Connet's system is available currently in the Washington, New York City, and Philadelphia areas.

Decision Table Compiler

ISL has contributed its Detec-

(decision table-to-Cobol) converter which, according to the company, provides enormous savings in generating Cobol programs. Detec produces Cobol programs directly from decision tables, providing documentation directly from the listing. Detec has been available previously on a lease basis, but now operates on-line through the Connet system. ISL feels that by the use of a decision table compiler, programming time, debugging time, and maintenance time can be reduced by 75%.

The user will communicate via remote terminal with the 85500, which will provide "virtual" machines with very rapid turn-around, permitting the processing of jobs in a "job stream."

The Connet system provides both conversational-mode processing and deferred-priority processing, as well as on-line processing and debugging.

Connet has its headquarters in New York City.

New DOS/360 Debugging Aids Are Offered

NEW YORK — Scads and Oops, two new debugging aids from Mandate Systems, Inc. of Madison Ave., are aimed at System 360 Disk Operating System users for console program debugging and patching.

Scads (Supervisory console assembly debugging system) enables DOS users to debug their programs directly from the system control console. By typing instructions at execution time, the programmer can take dumps, create break-points, and cause branches while the program continues to run.

Oops (On-line object patching system), which is an adjunct of Scads, simplifies machine language patching for object decks, eliminating assembly time.

The combination package is currently available from the company at \$1000 per installation plus \$200 per additional computer owned up to a 2000 total.

Business and Financial Applications Added to Service Bureau's Library

TARZANA, Calif. — A new library of business and financial programs, including an on-line time-sharing system has been announced by Call-A-Computer, according to Richard Henderson,

company president.

Some of the typical applications, including an on-line folio analysis, investment yield, cash flow, budget analysis, growth analysis, stock acquisition prices, and budget control, he said. In all, several hundred programs are included in the stored-program library for immediate access by any user.

The programs have applicability over many broad areas including stock and bond analysis, banking, mortgage financing, financial analysis, and leasing operations, and are all available under the \$100-per-month minimum charge for the service, Henderson said.

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Honeywell DDP-516 computers are used as message concentrators in the Keydata system for on-line business processing with Instinet.

Optical Scanning Expects To Post Loss in Quarter

NEWTOWN, Pa.—Lack of salesmen and a cancellation of a large order were cited as reasons why Optical Scanning Corp. expects to report a loss in the quarter ending March 31.

John W. Busby, president, said in a letter to shareholders that there were three factors behind the expected loss.

The most important problem was "the company's inability to maintain an adequate level of trained salesmen at a time when plant expansion had added substantially to capacity to produce."

Busby did say that the company's marketing department was being "reorganized" and that Optical Scanning plans to build up its order backlog to five or six months to minimize the effects of future seasonal swings in orders.

Also cited was the cancellation by a major customer of an order for 21 optical scanning systems

and the seasonally low incoming order rate of the third quarter.

Busby told *Computerworld* that although State Farm Insurance had cancelled its order for 21 Digitek 70s, two Opac 70Cs have been installed at State Farm as test units with a "good possibility" that State Farm will order the larger units instead.

The Opac 70C consists of a Digitek 70 linked to a tape drive, Data-Phone, and a high-speed printer.

In comparison, the company last year reported a profit of \$151,548, or 29 cents a share, for the same period.

For all of fiscal 1968, Optical Scanning reported a profit of \$182,398, or revenue of \$5.6 million.

Optical Scanning manufactures equipment that reads both hand-printed and machine-printed characters, and transfers the data to 7 or 9-channel magnetic tape.

DPF&G Agrees to Finance Computer Construction

By a CW Staff Writer
NEW YORK — Data Processing Financial & General Corp. has agreed to finance up to a \$2 million share of the construction of a newly designed time-sharing super-computer system.

The agreement also provides for possible full ownership by DPF&G of a newly formed manufacturing company that will specialize in time-shared computer systems.

Under the agreement, announced March 19, DPF&G has purchased a \$100,000 debenture from Berkeley Computer Corp., Berkeley, Calif., which is convertible into 50% of Berkeley's outstanding common stock.

DPF&G, however, has also agreed to advance additional funds, up to \$2 million, from time to time as certain levels of progress are achieved.

According to DPF&G, these additional funds are earmarked

for the purchase of components. Berkeley Computer was recently organized to manufacture complete, large-scale time-sharing computer systems. Dr. Melvin W. Pirtle is president.

Dr. Pirtle, according to DPF&G, headed the design team at the University of California at Berkeley that modified the SDS 930 computer for time sharing. The resulting design adapted and modified by CDS became the SDS 940, a time-sharing computer able to sustain about 35 simultaneous users.

The research underlying the design of the new Berkeley firm's time-sharing computer system was completed at the University of California at Berkeley during the past five years under the auspices of the Advanced Research Project Agency (ARPA) of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, according to DPF&G.

Large Lot Security Sales System Ready for Institutional Buyers

By A.B. Williams
CW Staff Writer

WATERTOWN, Mass. — Computers acting as stock brokers? Institutional investors, Inc. (Instinet) will offer just such a service, to facilitate absolutely anonymous, no-brokerage-fee trades of large blocks of securities of at least 500-share, \$25,000 size.

Instinet offers all the negotiating, "game-playing" opportunities available to an exchange floor trader, with the additional advantage of identification by number only, a different number for each line item offered or bid.

The large of the system is a Univac 494, at Keydata, Inc., Watertown, Mass., a time-sharing pioneer. The 494 cycles a 30-bit word in 0.75 microseconds; overlapped accesses give an effective time of 0.375 microseconds. By year-end, two 494s will be duplicated.

The institutional users will have specially designed Teletype terminals, with a 75 baud rate. Should there be enough users in a given area, Instinet will install Honeywell DDP 516s to act as message concentrators. (They can handle up to 128 communications lines each.) As well as speeding up system response, the 516s will lower transaction costs.

Bids, Offers Stored

Instinet will maintain an on-line book of all bids and offers in the system. A user can add an offer or bid to the book at any time; he can withdraw any or all of his items; he can accept someone else's; he can inquire into the book on any security included. Each stock is identified by a number; each separate offer or bid has its unique identification. The only floor trading device that can't be used is the "Sorry, I just went to lunch" device employed by traders when it appears that their customers may get a better price by waiting. Once an offer or bid is in the system, it can be unilaterally accepted until either completed or withdrawn. The system features a response time of less than two seconds.

If a user is unsatisfied with the status of the book he's looking at, he can broadcast an offer or bid to all other members of the system, any of whom can either accept or open negotiations. A broadcast has the additional feature of being assigned a time limit. It can be made to expire automatically in a period of 15 minutes to one week.

A broadcast is immediately typed on all user terminals, as well as being added to the book. Any bid or offer may incorporate a range of numbers of shares, may hide a further number, or may be "all or none."

The system offers complete anonymity. Buyer, seller, and

the security are identified only by numbers. A trade is handled by the users' custodian banks, funneling cash and certificates through the Bank of New York. The trade is fully described on hard copy produced at the terminals. All details must check. This should clear up that end of the back-office mess which has created so much havoc in brokerage offices.

Tight Security

Security is tight enough that two mutual funds under the same management need never know that one bought what the other sold — an entirely possible circumstance, if day-to-day management is split, as is often the case.

Instinet is aimed directly at institutions, such as banks, insurance companies, mutual funds, and pension funds — the people who have come to exert an increasing, very large influence on national securities exchanges, both in daily trading and as a result of the massive portfolio of their funds. They will benefit from the close price shopping offered by the system, from the anonymity and security, from fast response, and particularly from the lack of brokerage fees.

The minimum base price for the service is \$1740 per month,

plus communication charges and processing unit charges.

Competitive Services

Instinet has competition. AutoSec Service, of Wellesley, Mass., expects to go into operation this month with a system based around a Scientific Data Systems Sigma 5. This system is essentially a brokerage service: only the brokers, who pay \$5000 per month, can enter information into the network. The institutional customers, whose monthly fee is \$200 will often be picked up by brokers, start non-network negotiation from the broker's offer. Needless to say, the brokers will get their piece of the action.

The New York Stock Exchange has Arthur D. Little, Inc. working on the development of a plan quite similar to the AutoSec system — a broker-oriented file, under which transactions will clear through normal channels. Other brokers will be able to make actual transactions. There will, however, be a data base of all outstanding offers, which can be accessed on the spot or serve as the basis for negotiations. There will presumably be a substantial minimum-size trade — \$1 million is seen as a good possibility.

Thus, what makes Instinet attractive is also makes it more attractive to institutional users.

Computer Short Interest Climbs on Amex and NYSE

By a CW Staff Writer

NEW YORK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK — Short interest on the New York Stock Exchange rose by 157,758 shares to 18,424,359 in the month ended March 14, as selected computer companies' short interest increased by 12,529 shares to 1,253,424 for the same period.

Short interest on the American Stock Exchange dropped during the same period by 126,795 shares to 9,274,335; but selected computer stocks rose 6785 shares to 704,992 from 696,207 on Feb. 14.

A short sale is the sale of borrowed stock. The seller generally anticipates a price drop that will enable him to repurchase an equal number of shares at a lower price.

The short interest is the number of shares that hasn't been repurchased for return to lenders and represents a price drop that will enable him to repurchase an equal number of shares at a lower price.

The following table shows the short interest on the New York and American Stock Exchanges in which a short position of at least 20,000 shares existed on March 14, or in which there was a short position change of at least 10,000 shares since Feb. 14.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE	3-14-69	2-14-69
Autotek	30,408	9,539
Burroughs	604,998	59,887
Control Data	54,751	25,128
Computer Sciences	4,471	1,128
Control Data	220,768	225,881
General Electric	21,948	4,293
Honeywell	65,300	39,098
Int'l Business	81,177	65,930
Memorex	68,839	39,401
Northern Telecom	45,841	24,591
Register	8,436	7,192
Radiomatic	23,740	76,790
Scientific Data	25,577	21,124
Sangamon Elec.	27,025	27,227
Scientific Data	83,922	107,320
Scientific Data	314,49	234,49
Scientific Data	78,619	73,234
Security Data	112,829	128,174
Xerox	137,824	128,340
AMERICAN EXCHANGE	3-14-69	2-14-69
Autotek	86,994	87,064
Call Computer Prod	37,525	30,345
Comp/Dyn	31,882	25,811
Computer-Less	43,807	55,811
Data Control Systems	11,056	26,500
Fin Systems	110,822	71,161
GenCorp	78,188	84,811
DEC	20,837	19,375
Electronic Equip	20,837	19,375
Lenco	82,215	114,024
Price Equip	43,206	25,440
78	43,206	25,440
Lowell Equipment	74,365	59,887
Mohawk Data	52,841	37,677

Multi-Computer Data Center Opens in Midwest

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A new multi-computer center, designed to provide customers throughout the continental United States with powerful conversational time-sharing capability, was opened recently by United Computing Systems, Inc.

The new Datacenter, located in Kansas City, will serve customers throughout the nation on a toll-free basis.

Providing time-sharing services at the time of the opening were General Electric 430 and GE 265 dual-computer systems.

In addition, United Computing has installed a Control Data 6400 computer system. Time-sharing software for the 6400 system, one of the largest to be programmed for full-scale time-sharing, is being developed in a joint effort by United Computing and Control Data and is expected to be in service later this year.

Additional CDC 6400 and/or 6600 systems are on order by United Computing to increase the Datacenter capability as needed.

Toll-free access to the computer will be available from every part of the nation.



Washington Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa. Alfred H. Jorgensen has been appointed regional manager.

Computer Planning Corp. Has Chicago Branch

LOS ANGELES — Computer Planning Corp. has opened a branch office at 20 Wacker Drive and operates it under the name of On-Line Sciences, Inc., recently acquired by Computer Planning Corp. James Ray has

been appointed to manage the new office.

Information Storage Moves to New Building

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Information Storage Systems, Inc. has announced its move to a new building in Valico Industrial Park, Cupertino, Calif.

The new facility was designed for the development and manufacture of disk drive systems for

mass data storage. Initially, the company will concentrate on disk storage drives that utilize removable disk packs.

Long-term plans call for a complete line of direct access memory systems to service small to large-scale computer systems.

Computer Time-Sharing Firm Opens Three New Offices

MINNEAPOLIS — Computer Time Sharing, Inc. has changed its name to International Time-sharing Corp., according to an announcement by Albert M. Sheldon, Jr., the company president, and also has announced that three new sales offices have been opened for dial-up service for computer time-sharing users in San Francisco, San Diego, and

New York.

General Computer Service Moves Corporate Offices

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — General Computer Services, Inc. has announced that it has moved its corporate offices to larger quarters in the Huntsville Industrial Centres. An IBM 360/50 has been installed for central and remote batch modes of operation.

Integon Forms Subsidiary

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Integon Corp. has announced the formation of a new subsidiary to develop and market its computer services. Incorporated Jan. 16, it will market the company's on-line service for savings and loan associations.

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Wyle Forms New Groups

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Wyle Laboratories has formed a new division, Wyle Computer Products, to handle the company's circuit modules and remote computer terminals, as well as computer components and subsystems. The new division was formerly part of the Wyle Systems Division which continues its activities in the design, assembly, and installation of computer-based control and instrumentation systems.

MSA Starts D.C. Office

ATLANTA, Ga. — Management Science America, Inc., a management consulting and computer software firm, has announced the opening of new office facilities at 1911 N. Ft. Meyer Dr., Arlington, Va. The offices will be occupied by MSA's consulting division and the company's subsidiaries.

Programming Sciences Opens in Chicago

NEW YORK — Programming Sciences Corp. has opened a branch office at 1301 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, Ill., for the purpose of marketing the programs and services of the company's Financial Services Division. L.G. Reich has been transferred to the new office from PSC's Los Angeles office.

Brandon Applied Systems Moves to New Quarters

NEW YORK — Brandon Applied Systems, Inc., a technical services consulting firm, has moved to new quarters at 1700 Broadway, New York City.

Interactive Sciences Opens Pittsburgh Office

BRAINTREE, Mass. — Interactive Sciences Corp., a computer services company, has opened a branch office at 1725

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COMPUTER TRAFFIC CONTROL, INC., Burlington, Mass., a computer services company, filed to register 240,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$4 per share maximum, intended for research and development and general corporate purposes and working capital. The underwriter is Damon & Co., 55 Broad St., New York.

MAQAC DATA CO., INC., 76-69 37th Ave., Jackson Hts., N.Y., a computer service company, filed to register 240,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$2 per share, intended for general corporate purposes and working capital. The underwriter is Hays & Co., 180 Avenue A, Raritan, N.J.

DATA RESEARCH CORP., 2601 E. Oakland Blvd., Denver, Colo., a research and development company, filed to register 200,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$1 per share, intended for research and development purposes and working capital. The underwriter is Hays & Co., 180 Avenue A, Raritan, N.J.

TELETYPE COMPUTER CORP., 285 Crichton St., Waltham, Mass., a computer services company, filed to register 200,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$11.50 per share, intended for general corporate purposes and working capital. The underwriter is S.D. Fuller & Co., Inc., 28 Broadway, New York 10004.

COMPUTER SCIENCES CORP., 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles 40, Calif., a computer services company, filed to register 200,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$6 per share maximum, intended for research and development and working capital. No underwriting involved.

COMPUTER SYMBOLIC, INC., 10000 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1000, Beverly Hills, Calif., a computer software company, filed to register 300,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$15 per share, intended for general corporate purposes and acquisitions. The underwriter is H.M. Feldman & Co., Inc., 30 Broadway, New York 10004.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, INC., 65 S. South Wacker, Chicago, a computer services company, filed to register 480,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$35 per share maximum, intended for research and development and working capital. The underwriters are Lehman Brothers, 1 William St., and Goldman, Sachs & Co., 55 Broad St., New York 10004.

COMPUTER CENTER, INC., 423 W. Monument St., Baltimore, Md., filed to register 195,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$8 per share maximum, intended for working capital and general corporate purposes. The underwriters are Abbott, Fretter & Palm, 5 E. Main St., Richmond, Va. 23214, and Whitcomb & Stetson, Inc., 26 Broadway, New York 10004.

AUTOCOMP, INC., 4720 Montgomery Lane, Bethesda, Md., filed to register 200,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$10 per share maximum, intended for research and development, working capital, and general corporate purposes. The underwriter is Mason & Co., Inc., 2801 Washington Ave., Newport News, Va.

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CORP., 4830 W. 73rd St., Minneapolis 31, Minn., a computer services company, filed to register 300,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$10 per share maximum, intended for research and development and working capital. The underwriter is Dehn, Katman & Quill, Inc., 110 S. 6th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

NORTH AMERICAN COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS CO., One River Plaza, Boston, a computer time-sharing and communications company, filed to register 600,000 shares of common stock and 100,000 shares of preferred stock. Proceeds, at \$10 per share, intended for general corporate purposes and working capital. The underwriter is Charles F. Hays & Co., 200 Park Ave., New York.

New Registrations

PROGRAMS AND ANALYSIS, INC., 486 Tatter Road, Boston, Mass., a data processing services company, filed to register 100,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$10 per share, intended for general corporate purposes and working capital. The underwriter is Eskin, Miller, Strode New York 10004, 17th and Sanson Sts., Philadelphia.

DATA LOG CORP., 4444 W. 76th St., Overland Park, Kan., a computer systems company, filed to register 150,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$10 per share, intended to finance the company's development and operating costs. The underwriter is Kleiner, Bell & Co., Inc., 9156 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif.

R/G COMPUTING AND PROCESSING, INC., 7120 Marvin Drive, Houston, a company engaged in acquisition and operation of business in technological and scientific fields, filed to register 200,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$10 per share maximum, intended for acquisition and operation of business in technological and scientific fields. The underwriter is Collins Securities Corp., 74 Trinity Road, New York.

MAGNETIC BIRD, INC., 95 Marcus Blvd., Hauppauge, N.Y., a computer engaged in research and development of facilities for recording hard, magnetic, and related equipment for use in digital and analog computer systems, filed to register 200,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$7.50 per share, intended for purchase of equipment, research and development, expansion of facilities, and working capital.

MIDAMERICA LEASING, INC., 615 W. Capitol Ave., Milwaukee 2, Wis., an office machine and data processing services company, filed to register 200,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$10 per share maximum, are for reduction of debt and working capital. The underwriter is Frederick & Company, Inc., Cushman Tower, Milwaukee, Wis.

DATA PROCESSING & FINANCIAL AGENCIES, INC., 10000 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1000, Beverly Hills, Calif., an EOP equipment leasing company, filed to register \$15,000,000 of senior subordinated debentures, due 1979, and warrants to purchase common stock to be sold to the public at \$1000 per unit. Proceeds intended for debt retirement, data processing and time sharing operations, and new fields of activity. The underwriter is Allen & Company, Inc., 30 Broad St., New York.

WANG LABORATORIES, INC., 211 W. 51st St., New York, an EOP services company, filed to register 230,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$4 per share, intended for debt retirement, capital and for general corporate purposes. The underwriter is Hill, Thompson, Mead & Co., 70 Wall St., New York.

WANG LABORATORIES, Inc. has acquired a substantial interest in the recently formed Digital Information Storage Corp. and has an option to acquire the remaining interest in the corporation at a later time. The new corporation develops and manufactures magnetic disk storage systems and other peripheral equipment.

Wang also announced the acquisition of Medical Systems and Data Corp. of Boston. Medical Systems was organized last year to supply services related to computerized medical data analysis.

BALTIMORE — Computer Counseling, Inc. announced its acquisition of Data Center, Inc., a privately owned Baltimore computer service company. Data Center, Inc. prepares payrolls and does billing, inventory control, and accounting work on its own IBM 360/30 computer for corporations in the Baltimore-Washington area.

Data Center will continue to be headed by Albert Stoeker, a founder and the general manager of the company, and will operate as a wholly owned Computer Counseling subsidiary.

WILKINSON COMPUTER SYSTEMS, INC., 486 Tatter Road, Boston, Mass., a manufacturer of a paper tape reader, filed to register 250,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$10 per share, intended for general corporate purposes and working capital. The underwriter is Eskin, Miller, Strode New York 10004, 17th and Sanson Sts., Philadelphia.

COMPUTER DYNAMICS, INC., 1760 Solano Ave., Berkeley, Calif., a computer services company, filed to register 142,950 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$10 per share maximum, intended for general corporate purposes and working capital. The underwriter is Hambrecht & Quist, 2500 Russ Bldg., San Francisco.

ACS COMPUTERS, INC., 21 E. 46th St., New York, a computer service company, filed to register 100,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$3.50 per share, intended for general corporate purposes and working capital. The underwriter is Gium & Davis, Inc., 34 Wall St., New York.

NATIONAL DATA PROCESSING CORP., 118 Second Ave., S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a computer service company, filed to register 120,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$6 per share maximum, intended for research and development purposes, and working capital. The underwriter is Hays & Co., 180 Avenue A, Raritan, N.J.

COMPUTER ANALYSIS, INC., 820 Murray Blvd., Baltimore, Md., a company which develops and promotes time sharing services, filed to register 100,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$6 per share, intended for research and development, marketing, administration, working capital and for general corporate purposes. No underwriting involved.

SECURITIES AUTOMATION CORPORATION, 33 Rector St., New York, a company which provides computer services, filed to register 230,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$10 per share, intended for debt retirement, capital and for general corporate purposes. The underwriter is Hill, Thompson, Mead & Co., 70 Wall St., New York.

DATA NAME, INC., 211 W. 51st St., New York, an EOP services company, filed to register 230,000 shares of common stock. Proceeds, at \$4 per share, intended for debt retirement, capital and for general corporate purposes. The underwriter is Hill, Thompson, Mead & Co., 70 Wall St., New York.

Acquisitions

WALTHAM MASS. — The acquisition of Integrated Systems & Design, Ltd. of Crawley, Sussex, England, has been approved by the Board of Directors of Data Architects.

Integrated Systems & Design, which manufactures total computer-based information systems, will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of Data Architects, Inc., under its president, Stefan E. White.

Data Architects, Inc. plans to market these systems in the United States. Integrated Systems & Design will market Data Architects' proprietary management information systems in Europe and the British Commonwealth.

WARREN, Mich. — A I M Companies, Inc. has reached an agreement to acquire Data Stations Corp., Los Angeles. The acquisition will involve an undisclosed amount of A I M common stock and will not be completed for several months, pending fulfillment of certain conditions. It is anticipated by A I M that Data Stations' sales will be approximately \$4.5 million dollar this year.

New Time-Sharing Plotters Will Be Produced First

WILTON, Conn. — Time Share Peripherals Corp., successor to Meier Associates, has been formed to produce quality instrumentation for the time-share market.

The company is starting out with a new concept in time-share plotters.

Their current product, designated the TSP-12, is claimed to be a fast, economical plotter controller that can drive a pen recorder or CRT display in any direction without change in recording speed.

Ted Meier, president of the new organization, was formerly a project engineer at Perkins-Elmer, where he worked with digital instrumentation.

Meier Associates, his previous company, was responsible for designing and delivering systems for Johnson & Johnson and Dartmouth College which interface test instrumentation with time-share computers.

The new company states it has several other products on its drawing boards or in the prototype stage at its offices and plant in Danbury Rd., Wilton.

Cavanagh Adds Computers

NEW YORK — Cavanagh Leasing Corp. has formed the Cavanagh Computer Leasing Co. which will operate as a division of the parent firm.

The computer division will specialize in the lease financing

for IBM 1130 and 360/20 computers and Univac 9200 and 9300 computers.

Nathan Samuelson has been named president of Cavanagh Computer Leasing. A graduate of the City College of New York and the Yale University Law School, he has been in the leasing industry since 1962 when he started the National Negotiable Leasing Service.

Computer Industries, Inc. Opens Field Services Div.

DALLAS — Computer Industries, Inc., the manufacturing subsidiary of University Computing Co. has established a field services division to combine the field service capabilities of the company's Graphic Systems Division, Van Nuys, Calif., and its Data Communication Systems Division, Dallas.

Both divisions manufacture computer peripheral equipment. Bert R. Harrigan, vice-president of the new division, said it provides both maintenance services for CPU and other peripheral operations and maintenance programs for electronic data processing systems users.

Infratronic, Inc. Will Provide General Computer Services

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — American Credit Corp. has formed a new subsidiary, Infratronic, Inc., which will provide general computer services to business and industry.

Initially Infratronic's marketing

efforts will be concentrated in the Carolinas.

Services immediately available from Infratronic will include systems analysis and design, programming, and data processing. Market research will be conducted to determine the need for additional services such as management consulting, total facilities management for data processing installations, specialized software packages, education, and time-sharing programs.

Robert L. Blackwelder has been elected president of Infratronic.

New Companies

Opportunity to Specialize in Urban Applications

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Opportunity Systems Inc. recently was organized to provide systems analysis, computer programming, and related services to government, industry, and other users.

George H. Walker, formerly manager of marketing and customer relations for Software Systems, Inc., will serve as president of the new company.

Wolsey A. Semple, professor at Howard University's School of Engineering and director of the Digital Computer Laboratory, will serve as vice-president.

A special concern of the corporation is providing expertise in

computer technology in the field of urban applications.

D/P Computer to Consult

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — A new management consulting firm, D/P Computer Services, Inc., has been formed to provide professional advice and assistance in the fields of data processing and modern information technology. Special emphasis will be placed on commercial or business use of electronic data processing.

Other major areas of the firm's practice will include office and administrative services, management education and training, and recruitment of executive, managerial, professional, and technical personnel.

Emphasis Set on Software For Time-Shared Systems

WASHINGTON, D.C. — McManis Associates, an international management and research consulting firm, has started an affiliated computer software firm, Continental Software Services, Inc.

The new firm will provide services in the areas of business and scientific problem analysis, systems design, software development, and computer and scientific programming.

Continental Software Services will place emphasis on designing special-purpose, proprietary software packages for time-shared computer systems.

Consultant Opens Office

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Louis Feldner, data communications consultant, has opened an office specializing in analysis, marketing, and training related to computers and communications at 300 California Ave.

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ACM & Its Dollars — Part 2

Road to Bankruptcy is Paved With Good Intentions

By Alan Taylor

The presidency of Prof. Bernard A. Galler and the tenure of the 1968-69 ACM Council started June 1, 1968. There was more than \$160,000 in the bank. Two hundred and thirty days later, on Jan. 10, ACM officials could sign no more checks. ACM, to quote its own treasurer, was broke.

Why? No one knows for sure. But here is an account of what happened, pieced together from available documents.

It would not be true to say that the 1968-69 fiscal year began happily. The previous council had been unable to agree on a budget. After a protracted meeting in a Boston motel, the council had agreed on an expense ceiling of \$1.9 million (up from \$1.4 million in 1967-68) but had not accepted all budget requests. It had left the details to the ACM Executive Committee.

The executive committee is an interim operation. It consists of three elected council members — the president, the vice-president, and the secretary. Galler, as vice-president, had served on the previous executive committee, as had Donn B. Parker, the secretary. The only newcomer was Walter M. Carlson, the new vice-president.

Members of the society who have read the ACM Constitution may know of the existence of this committee, but certainly no one could have known of its existence from the election campaign. It was never mentioned.

Yet often it is the executive committee that really runs the ACM. The council left powers. This was the case with the 1968-69 budget. The executive committee set it up, but it never received complete approval by the council.

August Council Meeting

At its first meeting, the new council set the subscription price for the ACM *Journal*. The *Journal*, formerly supplied free to all members, had been made optional. Some council members wanted to charge \$5 for it; the editorial board wanted a charge of \$2. The council compromised on a \$3 price.

Treasurer Walter Hoffman promptly lashed the council for "financial irresponsibility." He said it could not go on ignoring the financial facts and simply doing what it would like. He was supported by Herbert R.J. Grosch, a member-at-large, and Anthony G. Oettinger, the past president. Grosch moved that the loss resulting from the \$3 subscription rate should be made up by taking the equivalent amount from the editorial board's budget. (The editorial board had strongly recommended the lower price.) Grosch said that the society's finances had to be safeguarded. The council tabled his motion.

Next the unaudited figures for the previous year were distributed. These showed that the previous year's operations had not been a financial success, even if they had not been a failure. Receipts had exceeded expenses by only \$23,366, missing the budgeted \$85,000 by more than 70%.

Grosch demanded that the council keep more in touch with what was going on. He moved that the council meet more frequently, and the motion was seconded by Richard Reed (acting for Regional Representative Carl Hammer). The motion was defeated 18-2 after other members opposed it as unnecessary.

After the meeting, a reporter heard some members of the council talk about Grosch's "disruptive" demands. He overheard talk of having Grosch formally expelled from the council.

In its Sept. 4 issue, *Computerworld*

pointed out that some of the recorded expenditures appeared to be outside the council authority because they were both unbudgeted and over \$25,000.

On Sept. 9, Galler wrote to the ACM Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (a presidential creation, not an elected body), asking that the \$25,000 limitation be removed. The committee agreed and wrote back nine days later, recommending its removal. That was some of the fastest action seen during the 230 days.

December Council Meeting

Four months later, the treasurer's projections for the financial year already were showing that the society budget was going to be out of balance by an estimated \$97,000. Instead of a \$94,000 deficit, the year would probably result in a \$3000 deficit. Except for an unbudgeted \$86,000 windfall from the American Federation of Information Processing Societies, the projected deficit would have been \$89,000.

Treasurer Hoffman wrote: "From a purely financial point of view, continuation of past policies is simply no longer possible. . . . ACM is essentially broke." This report was distributed to council members at their second meeting, in December. Verbatim, the treasurer resigned, remarking only that the new council was as financially irresponsible as the last one.

He did, however, note that the accounting base for the Las Vegas ACM show in August had been handled differently from the way in which it appeared in the budget and that, therefore, council members could not compare the figures. As a result, the financial failure of the show, a substantial cause of the financial crisis, did not become common knowledge for another two months. Hoffman gave no indication that there was an immediate crisis on hand, and in fact, less than five minutes the council moved on to other matters.

Financial Safeguards Diemembered

The second council meeting did take some action on financial matters. For one thing, the council changed Section 9 of the ACM Bylaws. This action was the first "financial safeguard." It provided for an audit of the ACM's operations to be conducted independently from the council. Under the old procedure, the president nominated an ACM member who was not a member of the council to employ a public accountant to audit the books.

On Hoffman's motion, the council decided to reserve to itself the appointment of an auditor.

The council was not able to act quite so precipitously on the other financial change that it wanted. This was removal of the ban on any unbudgeted expenditure of more than \$25,000. From the ordinary member's point of view, this was another — and perhaps the strongest — financial safeguard. The council could just change it, as it was in the constitution. It had to refer the matter to the membership, which it did by a unanimous vote.

Herbert Grosch, supported again by Carl Hammer, then continued his apparently unpopular position of asking for better control of the operations. He proposed that meetings of the executive committee and the editorial board, both of which were carrying out major financial operations, should be open to members of the council. He was again opposed, but this time not as directly. At the request of Richard Canning, a member-at-large, and Aaron Eisenstein, chairman of the editorial board, the motion was tabled by a

The Importance of Dates

Actions that might have been changed if members had known society was going broke:

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| • Arpa contract might have been examined for financial implications | • \$100,000 headcount might have been re-examined | • \$500,000 additional budget expansion might have been submitted to subcommittee | • President Galler might have lost reelection as he was identified with previous administration |
| • Advertising safeguard might have been retained | • \$100,000 honorarium for Survey and Tutorial Journal might not have been approved | • A proper budget might have been accepted, and published | • All candidates might have emphasized financial stability needs |
| • Council members might have been allowed into Executive Committee meetings | • \$120,000 unbudgeted overspending in 1967-68 might have been investigated | • 1967-68 account might have been audited independently from council | • Herbert Grosch might have found action on new council invited or often being voted down |

vote of 18-4, thereby effectively killing it. Frederick P. Brooks, Jr., a member-at-large, and Grosch then moved to have the treasurer become an elected, instead of an appointed, officer and to have him included on the executive committee. The motion was defeated.

Brooks and Hammer then moved to have the council set up budget policies before Jan. 1 and to have the executive committee draft the budget and return it to the council 60 days before its next meeting, for approval at the next meeting. The motion passed 17-1.

That was the end of the 1968-69 council's second meeting, as far as its financial matters went.

The days of the council's innocence were then over. A few days later, ACM officials accepted the facts that had been implicit in the figures and reports of a year. But the delay in recognizing the

facts had committed the ACM to a number of actions — such as moving into a new headquarters at the cost of \$100,000 — which might never have been approved if the full facts had been widely known.

It can reasonably be said that the delay in accepting the obvious allowed many fundamental actions to go through, perhaps beyond the possibility of recall. (In the boxes are some of the actions which might have been changed if ACM members had realized what was happening.)

However, to some extent, all this is immaterial to members. After all, what many of them are interested in is the membership benefits they get, rather than how well the society itself is doing. Hoffman said that ACM membership is "one of the biggest bargains imaginable." Just how big it really is will be discussed next week.

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